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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Dodge County Sheriff's Office has received information of a cattle drive that is going to be occurring during the morning hours of Sunday, November 12, 2017 and is expected to last about 4-5 hours. The drive is apparently going to be taking place starting on Thrush Road in the Town of Lebanon. The route will include Bluebird Road to County R, north through the Village of Hustisford, then north on County E to County S. It will travel east on County S about ½ mile to a farm.

We have been told that the owner of the cattle has hired 15 cattlemen who will be on horseback and they will be driving 50 head of cattle. They will also be handling traffic control in the area with other staff.

This cattle drive is being done against the advice of the sheriff's office due to the distance involved and warnings have been given to the owner of the cattle regarding potential damage and traffic issues surrounding the drive.

While this cattle drive is being conducted against the advice of the Sheriff, it is important that the motoring public understand that there is a responsibility to yield right of way to livestock being driven on or over a highway. Wisconsin Statutes 346.21 titled "Right-of-way of livestock" states:

The operator of a motor vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to livestock being driven over or along any highway but any person in charge of such livestock shall use reasonable care and diligence to open the roadway for vehicular traffic.

If issues arise from this cattle drive that require law enforcement attention, please contact the sheriff's office at 920-386-3726 and a deputy will respond accordingly. Please use caution if traveling in the Hustisford/Lebanon area on Sunday morning.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

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